Asheville Quilt Guild Annual Show

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aged to bring antique quilts and Brown will answer questions. (This will not be a full appraisal, and Brown will address as many quilts as time allows.)

Times for the show, at the WNC Ag Center Expo Building, Friday, Sept. 27 and Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9am-5pm, and 10am-4:30pm on Sunday. Admission is \$6 per person. Lunch is available from Melt Your Heart. The Show is sponsored by the Asheville Quilt Guild and Moda Fabrics, Asheville Cotton and Quilting Treasures, among others.

For additional information and a full list of the vendors, demonstrations and sponsors, call 828/687-1414 or visit (www.ashevillequiltguild.org/show.html).

Southern Highland Craft Guild in Asheville, SC, Offers 33rd Annual Heritage Weekend - Sept. 21 - 22, 2013

The 33rd Annual Heritage Weekend will be held Sept. 21, from 10am-4pm and Sept. 22, from noon-5pm, at the Blue Ridge Parkway's Folk Art Center in Asheville, NC. This free festival sponsored by the Southern Highland Craft Guild features traditional music, dancing and heritage craft demonstrations.

A highlight of the weekend is the 33rd Annual World Gee Haw Whimmy Diddle Competition on Saturday, from 2-3pm. Joe "Colonel Buncombe" Bly will emcee the competition. A whimmy diddle is an Appalachian mountain toy traditionally made from two sticks of rhododendron. Notches are carved into one stick and a propeller is attached to the end. The other stick is rubbed against the notches, causing the propeller to spin either gee (to the right) or haw (to the left).

During the World Gee Haw Whimmy Diddle Competition contestants are judged on the number of rotations between gee and haw they can complete during a given time. They may also have to switch hands during the competition or whimmy diddle behind their backs. There are three divisions of competition: childrens, adults and professional. Sign up throughout the day to compete. Winners receive a trophy, Heritage Weekend poster designed by Hand-Cranked Letterpress, t-shirt, a Moon Pie, and bragging rights.

During Heritage Weekend, learn



Blacksmithing demo

from area experts about beekeeping, rifle making, coopering, heritage toy making, natural dyeing, spinning, broom making and furniture making. Hands-on activities related to traditional crafts will be provided for children. Other highlights include sheep shearing demonstrations throughout the day on Saturday, and border collie demonstrations on Sunday.

The Blue Ridge Parkway's Folk Art Center is the ideal place for Heritage Weekend with free parking, access to hiking trails and grassy areas for a picnic. Spend an early autumn weekend in WNC honoring and learning about crafts of yesteryear while enjoying the beauty of the region.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, for a list of participating craftspeople and musicians, call the Center at 828/298-7928 or visit (www.craftguild.org).

28th Annual Sculpture Celebration will Take Place in Lenoir, NC - Sept. 7, 2013

The Caldwell Arts Council in Lenoir, NC, in partnership with Tri State Sculptors Association, announces the 28th Annual Sculpture Celebration to be held 9am to 4pm, Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013, at T.H. Broyhill Walking Park in Lenoir. Admission is free.

The Celebration will feature sculptural artwork by artists from across the United States who are competing for cash prizes totaling more than \$10,000. More than 150 sculptures – realistic and abstract, traditional and contemporary, movable and stationary, indoor and outdoor – will be on display and entered in the juried competition. The juror for this year's event is Craig Pleasants, Artistic Director of the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts.

Lenoir's Annual Sculpture Celebration is recognized as the longest-running sculpture competition in the Southeast and a driving force in the area's sculptorfriendly environment. The event started small but now attracts artists and visitors from across the United States. "This is a great show for experienced artists and for a first-time art experience," says Lee Carol Giduz, Caldwell Arts Council Executive Director.

Food vendors, art for children, and live music are featured throughout the day.

The Blue Jeans Preview Party takes place on Friday, Sept. 6, beginning at 7pm. Many sculptors arrive early to install larger sculptures and to pick the best spot for their artwork. A buffet dinner will be



Work by Betty Branch

held to welcome them and to introduce the judge and sponsors. Cost is \$20/person, with registration and prepayment due by Sept. 4.

Artists may submit entries through Sept. 7, 2013. Registration to the juried Sculpture Celebration is open to any 3-D artist up to the day of the event, and each sculptor may present up to three sculptures. A registration prospectus is available by request from Caldwell Arts Council or online at (www.caldwellarts.com). Cost to register the day of the Sculpture Celebration is \$65; discounts are available for early registration.

Lenoir is located in Caldwell County in the beautiful foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, off Hwy. 321 between Hickory and the Blowing Rock / Boone area.

For further information check our NC Institutional Gallery listings, call the Council at 828/754-2486 or visit (www.caldwellarts.com).

The deadline each month to submit articles, photos and ads is the 24th of the month prior to the next issue. This will be Sept. 24th for the October 2013 issue and Oct. 24 for the November 2013 issue. After that, it's too late unless your exhibit runs into the next month. But don't wait for the last minute - send your info now.

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